

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction to one of the following three inventions:

- I. Claims drawn to an optical laminate.
- II. Claims drawn to a method of producing the optical laminate.
- III. Claims drawn to polymer liquid crystal fine particles.

Applicants hereby elect for further examination the subject matter of Claims 9 and 10 belonging to Group III, identified by the Examiner as drawn to polymer liquid crystal fine particles. Applicants have rewritten Claim 9 in its independent form and added new Claims 11 and 12 that ultimately depend from Claim 9. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the examination of Claims 11 and 12 is appropriate and respectfully request the same.

While Applicants make no representation regarding the Examiner's groupings of the claims or whether such claims are properly restrictable under the Patent Rules, in an effort to advance examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully make this election without traverse.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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